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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As I watched volunteers harvest yet another bounty of vegetables from the Capitol Hunger Garden in Harrisburg last week, I was reminded of how much is possible in our local communities through the generosity of volunteers. I have seen this play out time and again through my eight years as a State Senator. It is how seemingly insurmountable tasks are accomplished and people maintain hope in the worst of times.

As a Pennsylvania State Senator, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and the support our region's experiences with one company. Their volunteer hours and donations have aided more groups than I can count - in my district, across Pennsylvania and the United States. Comcast has lent an earnest, expert and steady hand to many events and in doing so, has moved innumerable ideas from hopeful dream to real achievement.

If the proposed Comcast and Time Warner Cable transaction receives Commission approval that type of partnership and community cooperation would be reproduced in yet more communities.

While a number of Comcast's services fall under the realm of its typical expertise with broadband and video - such as providing our youngsters with free technology training and our poorest families with deeply discounted Internet service - many are contributions of sheer grit and employee commitment.

For instance, in early 2012, in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Lee, Lancaster County was confronted with flooding damage that destroyed facilities and rendered community recreation sites unusable. That April, hundreds of local Comcast employees and officials rolled up their

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sleeves and turned out on a Saturday to clean up the beautiful Little Chiques Park along the Susquehanna, and make repairs to Lancaster County's Rainbows End Youth Center in Mount Joy Borough. I was there that day and can say that everyone volunteering was in awe of the help and daylong dedication.

Comcast has also been a strong leader in advancing our educational interests. In fact, thanks to Comcast, we've seen a jump in the numbers of previously unconnected youth who now have Internet in their home. In Pennsylvania, close to 15,000 low-income homes have Internet service through Comcast's Internet Essentials program. The program charges just \$10 a month for broadband service and offers a computer for just \$150. It also provides free computer training for family members. For these students, it means being able to complete online homework assignments in the safety and comfort of their homes, as opposed to waiting for limited computer time at a library or community center.

Of course, we've also benefitted from the steady development of Comcast's network and high-speed Internet. Hundreds of government, commercial and nonprofit groups in Pennsylvania rely on the fast and reliable services Comcast provides here.

Lancaster County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have definitely benefited from having Comcast as a digital technology partner and a partner within the community. I support this transaction and look forward to hearing how Comcast is assisting to lay the foundation for more partnerships and positive futures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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